

(c) According to Population Census 2001 the female Workforce Participation Rate (WPR) in the country is 25.63 with 30.79 in rural areas and 11.88 in urban areas. Further, as per report No. 465 of NSS 55th round (July 1999-June 2000), about 36% of women in rural areas and 45% of women in urban areas were engaged in household duties according to their usual principal status.

Expansion and development of food processing industries

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SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced a scheme for expansion and development of food processing industries in the country since the last two years;

(b) if so, the number of food processing units functioning in the country in March, 2004; and

(c) the total number of those units in March, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing a Plan scheme for Technology upgradation/Modernization /Establishment of food processing units. Under the scheme, financial assistance is extended to food processing units for Technology upgradation /Modernization / Establishment of food processing units in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas. Difficult areas are Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Sikkim and North Eastern States, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP Areas. Under the Mini Mission IV of Technology Mission for Development of Horticulture, in difficult and high horticultural potential areas, assistance at still higher

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rates *i.e.* @ 50% upto Rs. 4 crore for promotion of new units and upto Rs. 1 crore for upgradation/modernization of units is available for processing of horticultural produce.

The Ministry has finalized a Vision Document 2015 for Food Processing Industries which envisages trebling the size of the processed food sector by increasing the level of processing of perishable from 6% to 20%, value addition from 20% to 35% and share in global food trade from 1.5% to 3% by 2015. It will generate 1.8 million direct and 6.4 million indirect employment. The Government has also enacted the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 which has been passed by the Parliament on 02.08.2006 and notified on 24th August, 2006. The objective of the Act is to bring about a single statute relating to food and establish Food Safety and Standards Authority. Further, it has been decided to set up National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship & Management (NIFTEM) at Kundli, Haryana as an International Centre of excellence which will work synergistically with the industry and similar institutions within India and outside.

The Ministry has been providing assistance for setting up of food parks and integrated cold facilities. A total of 54 food parks have been approved for assistance so far and as many as 22 food parks are operational. The Ministry has also been supporting Capacity Building and other, promotional activities such as participation in exhibition/fairs, organization of seminars, workshops, conferences, etc.

There has been a robust growth in both the registered and un-registered manufacturing sector of food processing industries (FPI) over the previous three years ending March 2004. Domestic product from manufacturing food products, beverages, etc. in registered sector has grown from Rs. 15742 crore in 2000-01 to Rs. 19086 in 2003-04 and that in unregistered sector it has grown from Rs. 12075 crore to Rs. 15540 crore during the same period. Top 20 foreign companies have invested in India an amount of Rs. 1711.22 crores (US\$ 36.837 crore) in the FPI sector during the period from January 2000 to March 2006.

According to information maintained by the Office of the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries, Ministry of Small Scale Industries, the growth of registered units and un-registered units during the period from March 2004 to March 2006 has been 10.24% and 7.98% respectively. The status on number of food processing units in the organized sector and in the SSI sector as of March 2004 and March 2006 is as below:

As of	Registered Units	Unregistered Units
March 2004	2,45,690	14,03,717
March 2006	2,70,853	15,15,739

Besides, number of Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda (IEMs) filed in the Food Processing Industry sector during the years 2004 and 2005 are 238 and 241 respectively.

State of power generation

*372 SHRI PR. RAJAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present power generation is in accordance with the Tenth Five Year Plan target;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the target and power generated during the Tenth Five year Plan, State-wise and category-wise as on date;

(c) if not, the details of reasons for the same;

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal to diversify the energy sources; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SHUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Targets for power generation are fixed for various power stations on annual basis. The overall achievement in actual power generation in last 4.5 years of the Tenth Plan has been about 99% of the generation target.